
Researchers in northern Peru say they have discovered the ruins of an entire city, which could provide the missing link between the ancient cultures of the Wari people and the earlier Moche civilisation. Ed Horton reports:

Scientists say they found **ceramics**, bits of clothing and the **well preserved remains** of a young woman in the once **buried** city. The site, which stretches for more than five kilometres, also shows evidence of **human sacrifice**.

The civilisation's capital was near modern-day Ayacucho, in the Andes, but the Wari travelled widely and are known for building Peru's first **extensive network of** roads. Long before the Incas **established** their empire, the Wari created one nearly as large, but far more **enduring**. While the Inca state lasted around a century, the Wari civilisation **flourished** for more than four hundred years.

Ed Horton, BBC

Vocabulary and definitions

ceramics	objects produced by heating and shaping clay
well preserved remains	dead body, or body parts that haven't decayed very much
buried	underground, covered by the ground
human sacrifice	an offering of a ritually slaughtered/killed person to honour a god
extensive network of	many interlinked
established	here, founded, created, set up
enduring	long-lasting
flourished	did well, stood strong

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